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## THINK FOOD

### School Nutrition Programs

### Shipment 6

### November 2011

#### USDA FOODS DELIVERY POLICY

If a school food authority needs to delay the delivery of their USDA Foods they may do so by contacting the OPI Food Distribution office at (406) 444-4415 before the scheduled delivery. **Do not** contact the warehouse directly. The follow-up delivery will then be at the convenience of the carrier and the school food authority will be assessed a storage charge. This policy applies to **all** school food authorities no matter where you are located.

To review the USDA Foods Delivery Policy, a copy can be found on the OPI School Nutrition/USDA Foods Programs Web site at: [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1\\_2](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2).

#### USDA FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE OFFERINGS UPDATE

Last month the USDA announced the availability of the Fresh Sliced Apple and Baby Carrots Program to all states. The feedback received from Montana schools was overwhelmingly in favor of using the program. Due to the lack of entitlement funds available, the OPI School Nutrition Programs will not be purchasing these items for the 2012 school year.

#### USDA FOODS CANCELLATIONS

Due to poor weather during the 2011 planting season the USDA was forced to cancel one truckload of canned corn that was scheduled to arrive in January. The other one and a half truckloads of canned corn that were ordered have been received and will be shipped on Shipment 7 in January. There will be no corn on Shipment 11.



#### FOOD BUYING GUIDE CALCULATOR



The National Food Service Management Institute has an online Food Buying Guide Calculator that can be found at <http://fbg.nfsmi.org/>. This calculator is user friendly and is easy and fun to use. It is a great resource to help plan your shopping lists. Be sure to add it to your "Favorites."



#### ADDITIONAL USDA FOODS

Enclosed with this information newsletter is a list of USDA Foods that are still available. To place an order for additional items please send your e-mail request to [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov). This list is everything that is available for the year and

requests will be shipped on the most convenient of the remaining shipments. Please be sure to list the number of cases you are requesting. If you have questions, contact Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415.



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## MONTANA'S FOODCORPS

The National Center for Appropriate Technology is looking for host sites for Montana's FoodCorps, a team of AmeriCorps members serving with K-12 schools across the state to fight the childhood obesity epidemic. Using a collaborative, community-based approach, FoodCorps members help cafeterias serve healthy, local foods, build and tend school gardens, and conduct hands-on nutrition education such as cooking classes or farm field trips. FoodCorps members serve full-time for one year, as part of the national FoodCorps program. They will begin work in August 2012 and serve for one year with a second team of FoodCorps members beginning in August 2013.

FoodCorps members must be placed in K-12 schools or non-profit organizations with close ties to area schools. The Grow Montana steering committee will select up to six new host sites on a competitive basis, using the following criteria:

Interested parties must meet the following criteria. They must demonstrate need, support for food systems change within the community, the ability to meet mandatory requirements for hosting a FoodCorps member and the ability to provide a cash match of \$5,000 per member.

For more details and an application go to [www.montanafoodcorps.org](http://www.montanafoodcorps.org). If you have questions about Montana FoodCorps, call (406) 531-5162, or e-mail [crissiem@ncat.org](mailto:crissiem@ncat.org).

## UPDATED ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The *Eligibility Manual for School Meals: Federal Policy for Determining and Verifying Eligibility* has been updated and is now available online at the following link: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/guidance/default.htm>. There are two versions (the second highlights all changes from the 2008 manual).

This manual replaces the *Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manual* issued in January 2008.

## USDA FOODS ORDERS FOR SY2013

The USDA Foods order form should be available for placing orders in mid December. The order form login page can be found at <https://data.opi.mt.gov/USDAFoods/Frmlogin.aspx>. Your Login ID is your agreement number and your password is the same password that is used to login to all School Nutrition Programs.

The USDA provides the following dollar guidance to states when using entitlement dollars.

- 41 percent Meat/Fish
- 32 percent Poultry/Eggs
- 27 percent Fruits/Vegetables

When placing your orders be sure to take into consideration not only your entitlement but your average usage, the length of time





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## AVAILABLE USDA FOODS NOVEMBER 2011

Green Beans	13 cases	\$14.44 per case
Kidney Beans	20 cases	\$14.37 per case
Pinto Beans	5 cases	\$12.14 per case
Vegetarian Beans	44 cases	\$12.64 per case
Beef Crumbles	100 cases	\$91.86 per case
Cheese Cheddar Y Shred	16 cases	\$56.29 per case
Cheese Mozzarella LMPs	250 cases	\$51.64 per case
Chicken Pattie Tenders	149 cases	\$14.20 per case (\$33.56 per case Processing Fee)
Chicken Diced	16 cases	\$98.60 per case
Flour All-Purpose	84 cases	\$ 9.14 per case
Flour Bread	45 cases	\$12.89 per case
Flour Whole Wheat	281 cases	\$ 9.64 per case
Ham Ckd WaterAdd	4 cases	\$62.23 per case
Pancakes Whole Grain	437 cases	\$10.30 per case
Peanut Butter	415 cases	\$23.35 per case
Pork Roasts	40 cases	\$55.03 per case
Potato Rounds	5 cases	\$69.70 per case
Salsa	72 cases	\$16.50 per case
Spaghetti Sauce Meatless	226 cases	\$12.34 per case
Spaghetti Whole Grain	676 cases	\$ 7.85 per case
Strawberries, Slc	5 cases	\$22.19 per case
Tomato Paste	116 cases	\$22.80 per case
Tomatoes Diced	38 cases	\$ 13.11 per case (these are left from last year-all orders this year were cancelled)
Turkey Roasts	79 cases	\$59.97 per case